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June 10, 2009

The Honorable Todd Apo, Chairperson
 And Members
 Honolulu City Council
 530 South King Street
 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Strong Opposition to Bill 16 CD2 relating to the Executive Capitol Budget

Chairperson Apo and Council Members:

On behalf of Na Leo Pohai, the public policy affiliate of The Outdoor Circle, I would like to submit our testimony in strong opposition to Bill 16 CD2.

If passed, Bill 16 CD2 will provide more than \$1 Billion dollars to begin construction of the Honolulu Transit Project. While The Outdoor Circle does not oppose transit we believe the project currently planned by the City has too many environmental impacts that have not been addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We further believe that the DEIS identifies numerous impacts from the project for which the proposed mitigation is inadequate or not mentioned at all.

Ultimately we are deeply concerned that if the City provides the initial funding and the project will begin and construction will continue without the impacts of the project being fully disclosed and without acceptable mitigation for the environmental impacts it will create.

We strongly urge the Council to vote NO on Bill 16 CD2. We further ask that the Council refrain from taking any action that will allow construction on the project to begin until questions about the environmental impacts and lack of mitigation have been answered to the public's satisfaction.

Sincerely,

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